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"Rules of conducting accounting in accordance with International Standards for Public Sector Accounting" have been approved.

According to the decision of the Collegium of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated December 25, 2018 "Rules of conducting accounting in accordance with International Standards for Public Sector Accounting" have been approved. The Rules regulate the accounting, organization and preparation of financial statements by the following institutional structures:

- Budgetary organizations;
- Municipalities;
- Other non-profit organizations that prepare annual financial statements based on International Public Sector Accounting Standards;
- Public legal entities;

Amendments have been made to the "Excise rates of excise taxable goods imported to the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan".

According to the Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated January 10, 2019, amendments have been made to the "excise rates of excise taxable goods imported to the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan", approved by Decree 20 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 19 January 2001. Main changes and

additions on excise rates are shown below:

2202 10 000 9	non-alcoholic energy drinks containing sugar additives or other sweetening or taste-aromatic substances	3.0 manat per 1 liter
2202 99 190 2	fruit and vegetable juice based non-alcoholic energy drinksfruit and vegetable juice based non-alcoholic energy drinks	3.0 manat per 1 liter
2208 90 690 1	alcoholic energy drinks with a capacity of less than 2 liters	2.0 manat per 1 liter
2208 90 780 1	alcoholic energy drinks with a capacity of more than 2 liters	2,0 manat for 1 liter
2402 10 000 2	containing tobacco, including cigars cut the ends	1.0 manat per 1 piece
2402 10 000 9	cigars containing tobacco	20,0 manat for 1,000 pieces
2402 20	cigarettes containing tobacco	28,0 manat for 1,000 pieces
2402 90 000 2	cigars containing tobacco substitutes	1.0 manat per 1 piece
2402 90 000 3	cigarillos of tobacco substitutes	20,0 manat for 1,000 pieces
2402 90 000 9	cigarettes containing tobacco substitutes	28,0 manat for 1000 pieces
2403 99 900 1	liquid for electronic cigarettes	20,0 manats for 1 liter

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The Customs Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been amended.

A decision have been made to amend the Customs Code of the Azerbaijan Republic according to the Law of 1431-VQD of the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan. According to the amendment, Article 113.1 indicates that, except for the cases when goods are not intended for commercial purposes, an electronic version of short import declaration shall be issued to the customs authorities before the goods are delivered to the customs territory. Failure to submit electronic version of a short import declaration will cause the declarant's administrative responsibility, but will not hinder customs clearance and release of goods. In connection with this, the Code of Administrative Offences was added to Article 485.2 according to the Law of 1432-VQD dated 28.12.2018 of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan Republic is shown below:

“485.2. In the cases specified by the Customs Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, not filing of the electronic version of a short import declaration before bringing the goods to the customs territory - in the amount of one thousand manat for officials, and in the amount of one thousand five hundred manats for legal entities will be fined”

Decree on "Further simplification of access to utility services for micro, small and medium enterprises" was signed.

The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 25.12.2018 has signed Decree "On further simplification of access to utility services for micro, small and medium entrepreneurship subjects". The main purpose of the decree is to improve the procedures for joining electric power and gas supply networks, water supply and wastewater disposal systems in the Republic of Azerbaijan, optimize the required time, financial costs and to provide entrepreneurs with high quality, comfort and satisfactory services. The Article 1.1.1 of the Decree states that applications for the preparation and issuance of technical specifications and layout documents related to the connection of entrepreneurs to the gas supply networks, water supply and wastewater discharges, as well as the receipt of applications for the physical construction will be provided in small and medium business houses and "ASAN Utility" (ASAN Service Centers in the regionswhere ASAN Utility centers are not established).